# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TOURISM AND CULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN PORT BLAIR AND ANDAMAN ISLANDS
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether poor connectivity between Port Blair and other Andaman Islands is themain hurdle for tourist inflow in Andaman Islands; and

(b) if so, the measures taken to open new connectivity other than Kolkata and Chennai for encouraging domestic and foreign tourists to visit Andaman Islands?

## Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): Connectivity between Port Blair and other Andaman Islands is satisfactoryand, therefore, not a hurdle for tourist inflow to the Andaman Islands.

(b): Kolkata and Chennai are well connected with Port Blair by Indian Airliens and JetAirways. In addition, there are two weekly ships operating from Chennai and three weeklyships operating from Kolkata to Port Blair. There is a monthly service by ship operating between Vishakhapatnam and Port Blair as well. Port Blair Airport also allows landing of tourist charter flights.